

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroshige INOUE) : Examiner: Bryan Ready
Application No.: 10/587,146) : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: May 31, 2007) : Confirmation No.: 4972
For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER AND) :
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, FOR) :
DETECTING THE AMOUNT OF) :
REMAINING TONER) :

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to two Notifications of Ground of Rejection mailed August 25, 2009, and February 9, 2010, ("August 25 Notification" and "February 9 Notification", respectively) in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-149221, of the above-identified application, and listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a ("citation form"). A copy of each Japanese Notification, as well as an excerpt English-language translations therefor, is enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 2003-76126 A is cited in the February 9 Notification and is listed on the enclosed citation form.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 6-3957 A; 2003-202744 A; and 2003-270920 A are cited in both the August 25 and the February 9 Notification and are listed on the citation form.

A copy of each of the Japanese patent documents and an English-language Abstract therefor are also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

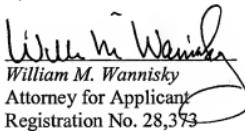
It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed citation form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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